

ARLINGTON TREE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes – Weds., May 9, 2018, 7:30PM, Selectmen's Hearing Rm, Town Hall
In attendance, Tim, Mike R, Eliza, Mary Ellen, Mara, Ed, Susan, Steve, Brian, John, several visitors

1. Approve April meeting minutes

2. DPW Tree Department Update (Tim)

- Arbor Day recap – Stratton school : three dogwood trees planted by third grade classes, pictures were taken, used last year's materials (kid shovels, etc) purchased with the \$2k grant from Elks Club. Tim gave a history of Arbor Day and how to plant trees. Gator bags supplied. Teachers/students are filling (Tim checked twice). **Summer water: Tim, DPW, students.**
- Spring street tree planting (and at parks) – 100 bareroot trees ready to go through street request. Tim will start next week, hopefully – crew is still picking up storm damage debris. Also, 16 balled/burlap trees to go into E Arl project on Mass Ave.
- Tree Preservation Bylaw- Suggests Bylaw needs to be more clear. There is awareness that for next Town Meeting, we need to work on clearing up pay vs plant.
- Tree hearing(s) for MA Ch 87- new fee is in place.
 - 18 Harvard Street: 23" Norway Maple. Pay or replant (equal sum of tree inch taking down). Tim does not have a date for hearing.
 - Town Hall tree hearing – in the garden, remove and replant - Linden tree, Black pine, Bradford Pear –
- Mgmt Plan submission - DCR reached out to Tim - we have until end of June to submit
- Updating tree inventory data with new and removed - Tree removal from storms were updated in the tree map (24 trees, plus July 2017 through March 26 2018 = 111 trees). Updated map with these 125 trees. Current process: Tim enters new trees and if there is a planting site – it will be taken up by the new tree.
- Gas leaks on Mass Avenue between Academy Street and Jason Street – meeting tomorrow. Arlington and Waltham are going to use the gas leak detector, June 1st. Could sites tested for gas leaks be added to Inventory Map? Not sure.....
- John asked if DPW is watering trees at Magnolia. Gator bags are going to be applied, and others are going to be watering them. Thompson school plantings with gator bags, new trees in the Fall. Can gator bags be given. *Eliza and Mara will contact School Garden's Coordinator (Green Team) – trees are the responsibility of the schools. Assumption changed that the parks, schools or the 'project' is responsible for the trees.*
- Trees on bike path identified for removal (these are some of the Priority trees in Mgmt plan)
- Removal of trees at Uncle Sam and trees in front of LibraryTown Hall will be removed at night – a note to Town residents is going to go out first.
- Email addresses from those who got/requested a tree – could ATC get the emails – and email them directly for watering reminders???

- Town Meeting voted for Tree Warden to be full time!
- 3. Inventory - Tree Mgmt Plan (Mara, John, Mary Ellen)**
 - Adam K. said he could add maps for the Plan
 - Replacement cost of a tree used in I Tree and the way he calculated tree replacement value of trees may be understated. Lela was given Rob's data and I tree work and will be reviewed
 - Canopy total numbers should include some of the info from the prior Tree inventory – current mgmt plan tree numbers underestimates total. ATC will add/adjust draft
 - 4. Community Tree Canopy Program with MacEachern funds (John, Mary Ellen)**
 - Recap
 - Residual trees
 - Followup publicity (FB, Town, Advocate, etc)
 - New England Nurseries follow up
 - 5. Town Meeting – Tree Preservation Bylaw (Susan)**
 - 6. EAB Training June 5 (Susan, Steve)**
 - 7. Publicity**
 - Follow up on Arbor Day Facebook, Googlegroups
 - Inventory data and messaging
 - EAB Training
 - A. Susan is notifying press, boards, committees, Steve has done a flyer
 - B. Town plan - Tim could apply to the soil, injection to the truck xylem? Rainbow tree scientific out of Minnesota Xytex Tim is deciding on what product and how to apply. is using a soil applied stuff - \$/inch. Other companies usually charge \$10/each. 1 – 2 years potentially need to reapply. (yet bad for bees) can be injected into the trees. Somerville and Cambridge are doing their trees, Tim will ask them what/how they are applying and if contractors are doing it or Town people. Chemical: (imicolride), organic material. .
 - MEA make sure Town Meeting flyer on Drop Box
 - Tree watering video should be updated to show how to keep bag from getting clogged.
 - 8. New Business**
 - Watering with volunteers (AHS, scouts) – tennis court trees at Boys and Girls Club – Thompson School, Magnolia Park, Scannell Fireld, water tower, Trees in clusters; MEA and John will work on this
 - Signs on some trees in Alewife about the species and how much its absorbing carbon – Google Groups volunteers offered to make some signs.
 - New member advertising
 - Vision 2020 Survey responses
 - Correspondence

Next meeting: Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month, June 13.